

REMARKS

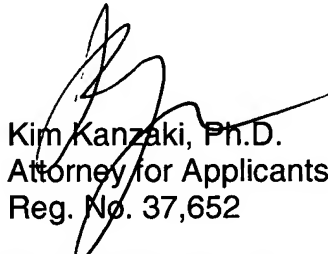
Claims 1-24 are pending in the present patent application.. Applicants thank the examiner for the allowance of Claims 1-17. Applicants hereby cancel Claims 18-24.

CONCLUSION

All claims should be now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

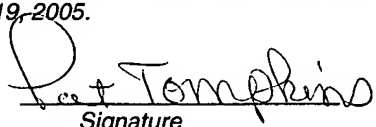
If there are any questions, the applicants' attorney can be reached at Tel: 408-879-6149 (Pacific Standard Time).

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